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Government Crop Report.

Further decrease in production prospects of the country's principal farm crops excepting corn, flax, rice and kafirs, was included in the Department of Agriculture monthly report.

A preliminary estimate places the wheat crop at 607,557,000 bushels, a drop of 8,500,000 bushels from the amount forecasted from September 1, conditions, and 401,000,000 bushels under last year's record breaking crop.

Corn production prospects increased 8,400,000 as a result of favorable weather conditions during September and a total crop of 2,717,932,000 bushels to forecast, that is more than 3,000,000 less than harvested last year.

The white potato crop is the smallest since 1911. The present forecast of production is 300,563,000 bushels, a decrease of 17,929,000 bushels from the estimate made a month ago and 59,000,000 bushels below last year's crop.

Tobacco prospects decreased 20,495,000 pounds since last month's report, but the indicated production this year 1,208,077,000 pounds, will be a record.

Decrease in production prospects from last month indications include oats, 1,860,000 bushels; barley, 905,000 bushels; buckwheat, 1,816,000 bushels; sweet potatoes, 1,535,000 bushels; pears 90,000 bushels; apples, 1,510,000 barrels, and sugar beets, 148,000 tons.

The first price given below is the average on October 1 this year, and the second, the average on October 1 last year, for Kentucky:

Wheat, 144 and 102 cents per bushel. Corn, 86 and 70. Oats, 56 and 49. Potatoes, 100 and 46. Hay, \$11.90 and \$13.20 per ton. Eggs, 25 and 19 cents per dozen.

Suffered from Acute Indigestion.

While at the home of Mr. Geo. W. Clark at Vaughn's Mill Friday night at 12 o'clock, the Rev. M. S. Wilson was attacked with a very severe spell of acute indigestion, which only for the timely arrival of a physician, might have proved fatal. He is now able to be out again. Bro. Wilson held his first services at the Methodist church at Hardwick's creek on Sunday, having sufficiently recovered to do so though still very weak.

McChesney at Mt. Sterling.

The Hon. H. V. McChesney, of Frankfort, will speak at Mt. Sterling Monday afternoon, court day, at 1:30 o'clock. Mr. McChesney is a fine speaker and one of the soundest Democrats in principle in this State. Go hear him while at court.

Sells Cattle.

O. C. Daniel, of the Snow creek neighborhood, sold and delivered Wednesday eighteen head of 800-pound fat heifers and cows to Steve Bowen at 5½ cents.

To Move to Clark.

Oscar W. Staples has rented a farm in Clark county and is moving there this week. Mr. Staples is a good citizen whom we regret to see leave us.

Hauling Freight.

It is an every day occurrence that wagon loads of goods and other freight goes from the depot here to the oil fields. Dressed lumber is another very important article that goes from here. The field may be known as the "Irvine field" but Clay City figures quite prominently in its behalf. All we need is a year 'round passable road up Hardwick's creek so freight and passengers can get from here there and the business will come this way. The Times believes that if we had a road from here to the oil fields such as can be traveled every day in the year, one-half the business now going to Irvine on account of the oil developments about the Cottage and Old Furnace, would come to Clay City.

Triplets to the Editor.

The wife of the Rev. A. W. Swift, of Fayette county, presented him with three healthy babes Tuesday. One was a seven pound boy, the other two were girls, and weighed four and five pounds. All three babes are well formed. The Rev. Mr. Swift is editor of the Central Methodist, recently succeeding Dr. E. G. B. Mann, Presiding Elder of the Clay City charge, as editor of that magazine.

Trustee Election.

The election of school sub-district trustees passed off very quietly in this county Saturday. No trouble whatever being reported from any of the districts. In some places trustees were selected without a contest. Particularly was this noticeable in the Waltersville school which had been merged with the Darlingsville school last Spring. Oarter Reynolds, first in a court action to prevent the combination of these two schools, was elected trustee without opposition.

Biting Frost.

The first real biting frost of the season to strike the people adjacent to Clay City, visited us this morning. A number of previous minor frosts have done no harm here. In other sections corn and cane blades were bitten by these early frosts. Persimmons, haws, and nuts are ripened by the frosts, but the nut crop, particularly the hickory nut crop, is very short.

Russell Strikes It.

F. B. Russell, who is drilling for oil on the Patrick farm near Furnace, struck a nice flow of oil last week. Other wells are being drilled on his holdings in this territory, where the outlook is very bright.

Teachers' Pay.

Report comes from Frankfort that checks will be sent to county Superintendents this week for money to pay teachers their first salaries for this school year. It will be a welcome visitor.

Today is Columbus Day, a legal holiday, but it is safe to say it will not be observed to any great extent in Clay City.

Now for Fruit Trees.

Arbor day is coming and every one will want to observe this event. In Powell county we have spontaneously growing all kinds of forest timber in abundance. Out off this year and it is growing back next year. But with fruit trees it is different. They must be reset from year to year as older trees die off. Look to your orchard each fall, and Arbor Day Nov. 10th is a good reminder of your duty to your orchard. H. F. Hillenmeyer & Sons, nurserymen at Lexington for 75 years, can supply you with what you want and need. Send for their fall catalog and then some of their trees.

Must Build High School.

A dispatch from Frankfort says: "Holding that the Stanton College, of Powell county, is a sectarian school, the Department of Education has notified the Board of Education of Powell county that it could not make arrangements with the college as a high school. The Board of Education of Powell county desired to enter into a contract with Stanton College to use it as a high school, and pay the tuition of the pupils, which the Department says cannot be done as the school is sectarian. The Board of Education of Powell county will have to build a county high school."

Dies in Hospital.

R. L. Ware died Saturday in the hospital at Lexington after a very brief illness of pneumonia. The remains were brought to the home of his father, T. B. Ware, and buried in the family grounds at Virden Monday. Deceased was about 45 years old, and besides his father and mother at Virden, he is survived by a wife, and a daughter twelve years old. Mr. Ware had been residing in Bourbon county for the past eighteen months.

Drilling for Oil in Morgan.

Judge J. H. Hardwick, of this county, and John G. White, of Winchester, are drilling for oil about Cannel City. This territory was partially developed several years ago. The slump in oil prices caused drilling to cease. It was not a condemnation of the field.

"The Kentucky Magazine."

Beginning Nov. 1st, W. P. Huntington will issue "The Kentucky Magazine" which is designed to fill a long felt need of this State, and should be most highly appreciated by its people.

Married at Natural Bridge.

L. N. Coons and Miss Nora Swope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Swope, were married Wednesday, Oct. 4th at the home of the bride's parents at McCormick, this county. Rev. Rich Holland officiated.

Montgomery county will vote in November upon a proposition to issue \$15,000 in bonds to buy a poor farm. Better not do it. Keep out of debt.

STANTON.

(By P. O. Derthick.)

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Atkinson and James were in Lexington this past week.

The new depot is being built and it is going to be a fine one, one that we will all be proud of.

Mrs. Green Caudill, of Hatton Creek, is visiting her sister in Owsley county who is very sick.

Albert Skidmore and family visited relatives and friends in and around Stanton the past week.

Mr. Parsons, our new depot agent, has moved his family into the Chaney property near the depot.

Buford Estes left last week for Somerset where he attended the State Sunday School Convention.

Linville Martin, of Gordonton, was here this week visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Jackson.

Mrs. Henry Morris is going to move her family to the Furnace country where she will keep boarders.

Miss Julia Evan spent the day with Prof. and Mrs. Ranson at Clay City this past week and had a fine time.

Messrs. Edgar Arnett, Guy Watson and brother, George Derickson, and Miss Margaret Lyle were in Clay City this past week.

Mr. Watson, of Cleveland, O., who is drilling a well at Torrent, was here this week on business. They are finding oil in that country.

Word came that Doc Spencer, of Oklahoma, was killed there one day the past week. His assassins have been arrested and lodged in the Campton jail.

Mrs. Kate Bohannon, accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Boone, visited the schools in the lower part of the county this past week and found them all doing nice work.

Richard Crowe held a splendid meeting at Heidelberg last Sunday with four additions. He has moved his family to Pompeii. We regret to see him go as he was such a fine worker in our mid-week Prayer Meeting.

Messrs. Durat Ewen, Charles Crowe, Pink Welch, E. H. Ewen, Billy Bowen, Holt Derickson, Press Johnson, Misses Mamie Derickson, Rhett Ewen and Mrs. Hattie Cowgill, also attended the Ringling Bros. Circus at Lexington.

Rev. Elbert Winkler was here Friday from Clay City where he is holding his fifth revival meeting. He will begin a meeting here on the 19th of November at the Christian church. We are glad to welcome Bro. Winkler back to our town again.

Willard Roark, of Breathitt county, was here over Sunday visiting with the writer and studying the canning factory at this place. Mr. Roark has a small hand outfit at his home and has built up a splendid trade among his friends and neighbors.

Sergeant L. W. Baker, of Somerset, who is now stationed at Mt. Sterling, is here in the interest of recruiting men for the army. He is stopping at the Blackburn hotel.

Vote on Train.

Coming up on the night C. & O. train from Louisville the other night, a prominent Mt. Sterling Democratic politician met up with a prominent Winchester politician of opposite political faith. Their conversation naturally drifted to a good-natured political discussion and each maintained that the chances of his choices for the Presidency. They finally agreed to leave the merits of their individual contentions to a straw vote of the entire train. There were in all 69 voters on the train from the smoker to the rear Pullman and of these 46 expressed their intention to vote for Wilson, 21 for Hughes and 2 were Socialists but expressed preference for Wilson. Needless to say, the Winchester gentleman's "feathers drooped" considerably.—Mt. Sterling Sentinel-Democrat.

The Road Case.

The suit questioning the legality of the Powell County Road Commission, which was passed upon by Judge Shackelford a few weeks ago, in which he sustained a temporary injunction, was argued before the Court of Appeals at Frankfort yesterday, but up to the hour of going to press we were unable to learn if the Court had passed upon it yet. This case is of vital importance to many people of Powell county and they have anxiously awaited the decision of the final court.

Any one wishing to travel with Uncle Sam and see the world will do well to see Mr. Baker.

We are informed that D. R. Clark has bought out the interest of Lewis Conlee in the farm recently purchased by Lewis and George Conlee. It is said that Mr. T. C. Conlee will buy the farm of Mr. Clark's and they will probably move to their new purchase near Louisville.

Miss Grace Centers, of Morris Creek, was taken to Hazel Green to be under the care of Dr. Centers. She suffered ten hemorrhages shortly after arriving there but is doing better now. Her brother Cash is very low with pneumonia and his recovery is very doubtful at this writing.

Mr. James Patrick went over on the Fox farm where they recently drilled a well and it was thought to be a dry hole, and found the well full of fine oil. The well was 800 feet deep and oil was found to come to within 116 feet of the top of the well. This well is leased by Mrs. Bohannon.

Among those who attended the Ringling Bros. Circus at Lexington were: Dr. I. W. Johnson, Mrs. Margaret Vance, Miss Nancy Ewen, Dr. A. T. Knox and wife, Floyd Wills and wife, Mrs. Pricilla Bowen, R. C. Hall and family, Miss Maggie Morton and the writer and wife. It is sure marvelous what dumb animals can be taught to do. One could hardly believe that they could do such things till they see with their own eyes. The Cinderella play was wonderful and captivated the young people as well as the great crowd present.